

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

Newsletter 2.15 – Monday 25th January, 2016



SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Children had a great time last week as we started taking the whole school swimming! A huge Thank You to parent helpers who joined us.

During their first lesson, children got sorted in ability groups and our swimming instructors will enable them, over the next few weeks, to progress rapidly!

Remember that children need to wear hats, gloves, and scarves when they go swimming.

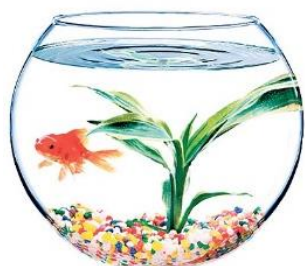


WATCHES FROM RECEPTION

As you know, we strongly encourage children to wear a watch – even if they can't read the time (YET!).

If you do get your child a watch, please get them an analogue watch (as opposed to a digital one).

A good example of a great analogue watch can be found [here](#) (as recommended by a few parents!).





YEAR 3 REQUEST – PLEASE HELP!

As part of their IPC topic, Year 3 are designing a classroom 'aquarium' and children have done some homework on how to set up a tank, what we will need, etc.

To make things real, they would love to have a real fish in their classroom.

If you have a spare fish tank and any relevant accessories, please let us know!

| Every minute counts! | | MARIE CURIE | YANNICK NOAH | ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY | SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR | GEORGE SAND | JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---|-------|
| ATTENDANCE | LAST WEEK | 85% | 91.2% | 95.2% | 94.2% | 98.5%  | 96.6% | 93.3% |
| | SINCE SEPTEMBER | 94.8% | 96.2% | 97.1% | 96% | 97.1% | 97.6%  | 96.4% |
| PUNCTUALITY | LATE CHILDREN LAST WEEK | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 |

FRENCH CLUB FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND FRIENDS

Remember that there will be a special **French Coffee Morning** on Friday between 08:30-09:30.

In addition, Clotilde – one of French parents – is re-starting a **French Club** for adults on Thursdays, between 14:15-15:15.

If you would like to join on Thursdays, please send Clotilde a text message on the following number: 07809 438 369.



We're beginning to collect Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. If you do your shopping at Sainsbury's, don't forget to collect vouchers for us! It'll enable us to get some extra Sports and Fitness equipment for the children. Place vouchers in your child's bag for us to collect.



HEADS UP – MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK

During week beginning 8th February, we'll be celebrating the great diversity of cultures we have across our school. On Friday 12th February, children will be invited to wear clothes that represent their family's country/ies of origin (i.e. traditional clothes, or clothes of the colour of their flag, etc.).



COLD AND WET WEATHER

Can all parents and carers please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold/wet weather? Please, remember to get your child to wear gloves, a scarf, and a woolly hat when they go swimming.

It is important that you label your child's clothes with their name. This is because they might misplace their clothes at times, and we need to be able to identify them easily. We checked a sample of uniforms today and identified over 40% of jumpers/cardigans without names...



The following is taken from our Uniform Policy:

"Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All pupils must dress according to the uniform policy."

Our School Uniform is important to us. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as a school community and it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life. It promotes harmony between different groups represented in the school, and it enhances security."



Important reminders:

- Shoes worn by children need to be black.
- Flashing lights on shoes are not permitted.
- For Year 1 and Year 2 children: ties need to be tied properly and blazers need to be brought to school every day. Children need to do the top buttons of their shirt.
- Boots can be brought to school but children need to change into their school shoes as soon as they are in the building.
- PE kits need to be complete for children to take part in PE lessons and physical activities after school. Not having a complete PE kits is a Health and Safety risk.
- Hair bands need to be white or blue.
- Single studs are allowed for girls.
- Socks need to be grey (plain).



There are still some children in Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 who cannot tie their ties independently. Most children have learnt to do this over the past few weeks/months and it is important that those who do not know how to tie a tie yet are supported by their parents and carers to catch up. Doing it for them at home, you'll agree, is sometimes easier but, in the long run, doesn't necessarily enable them to be fully independent.